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PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This bill was discussed thoroughly in Committee. One point that hadn't been brought up is we have a growing industry here in Nebraska, of building modular homes. That industry cannot thrive if they have to build the homes to one specification for Lincoln, one for North Platte, another one for Scottsbluff, another one for Omaha. They've got to have a uniform specification in order for that industry to thrive here in Nebraska, not only the Nebraska industries, but houses are coming in from industries ... from companies outside of the state. They need to be controlled by a uniform code and to be reciprocal with states between the housing units or housing industries in Nebraska and out of Nebraska. Anyhow we have a growing industry here in the modular homes. We certainly don't want to stifle it by making them have a separate code for every little town in Nebraska.

I support the Bereuter amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I have a question of Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Looking at your amendment, and looking at all the other amendments that are on the bill, I don't know what's being attacked and what isn't. So if you'd bear with me. On page 3, turn to Section 4, we start on about line 20. Now my concern is this, in your amendment are you saying that with your amendment, and as you understand this bill, if the National Electric Code, and I use this only as an example, asks for 16 gauge wire in a certain part of the building, can the City of York require 12 gauge wire, more strict regulation?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I should answer this by saying that the committee amendments, the other parts that we're not talking about, struck all reference to specific national codes. So that part, beginning on page 20 there, was already struck, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK, that was the question that standards.... That language has been ....

SENATOR BEREUTER: According to the committee amendments that are now pending, that has been struck.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK, see I looked on that thing and I can't find it like that. That's the problem. It says here "reasonably consistent". It doesn't say you have to adopt them. You don't adopt them. That Department that Senator Kelly says has all the expertise in it, which is about as wrong as you could be, has given the power to make standards reasonably consistent with national policy. That's the part that is really going to create a problem. I don't think Senator Burbach wants that problem in this bill. I think he's got the right idea, but to come up and say you can adopt something reasonably consistent is a mistake, I think.